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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL EDITORIAL
(APRIL 12) ON NEUTRON BOMB ENTITLED "ALL CLEAR?":

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"NOW WHAT, EXACTLY, WAS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT? IS PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER GOING AHEAD WITH A DECISION TO DEFER DEVELOP-
MENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB? OR IS HE DEFERRING A DECISION
TO GO AHEAD WITH IT? OR IS HE DEFERRING A DECISION ON
WHETHER TO GO AHEAD OR TO DEFER? IS IT NO TO YES, YES
TO NO, OR WAIT-AND-SEE TO WAIT-AND-SEE?"

2. A MONTREAL GAZETTE EDITORIAL ON APRIL 12 "POSTPONING THE BOMB" CHARACTERIZED CARTERS DECISION AS A "COMPROMISE ON A COMPROMISE." EDITORIAL EXPRESSES UNCERTAINTY ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS OF NEUTRON WEAPON AS DETERRENT TO LARGE-SCALE DISASTER AND APPROVES NATO GOVERNMENTS' HESITANCY TO APPROVE DEPLOYMENT OF BOMB IN ORDER TO GAUGE DEGREE OF SOVIET RESTRAINT. GAZETTE CONCLUDES: "NO BOMB AT ALL IS JUST AS GOOD AS A SHARED ONE, AND MUCH CHEAPER."
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